--- RG-655 - 6 Cigars - Series “C” - 1938] - *imperforate* - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

--- “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby [2-23D] - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit horizontal blue - from 1952? ---

Without any actual proof, I feel that Imperial Tobacco’s “Empire Division” in Granby used **RG-655**, the small *imperforate* ***orange-red*** six cigar Series “C”, date coded with numbers, beginning in 1952. I have found only a few four digit copies, prefixed with **2** and **4**, reading horizontally in blue ink.

RG-655 - 6 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2-23D / 212** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in 1952.

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--- “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby [2-23D] - in 5 mm. Gothic four-digit horizontal blue - from 1952? ---

At **2332** the cancellation is in blue ink, and the 5 mm. **2-23D** company code now reads horizontally across the top. I would guess that the numbers prefixed **2000** represent 1952 - and the two central figures indicate the *week of production*.

RG-655 - 6 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2-23D / 2332** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in 1952,

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It seems that there should be a sequence coded in the **3000** range. These examples parallel the three / four digit codes used by **2-10D**.

NOTE: All of the black or red codes listed (e.g. **1ATC, 125, 4205** etc.) are found in the cancellation collection. Any codes highlighted in yellow (e.g. **3BBC**) were taken from eBay and ***are not*** in the collection.

--- "Imperial Tobacco", Granby [2-23D] - in 5 mm. Gothic four-digit horizontal blue - from 1954? ---

Under the April 6th 1954 Budget, the sequence has abandoned the week / day numbering, and has gone to a continuous sequence reading the month of production.

RG-655 - 6 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2-23D / 4130** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in 1954

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--- "Imperial Tobacco", Granby [2-23D] - in 5 mm. Gothic four-digit vertical black - from 1954? ---

By **4153** the cancellation, doubled and reading vertically down, is in black ink, and the 2½ mm. **2-23D** company code reads horizontally across the bottom.

RG-655 - 6 Cigars, *imperforate*, coded **4153 / 2-23D / 4153** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby

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